

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 23, 2008. Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 are in the application, of which Claims 1 and 5 are independent. Claims 5 and 6 have been withdrawn from consideration pursuant to a restriction requirement. Claims 3, 4, and 7 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 1 has been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 4 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0226996 (Aramaki) in view of CAS Accession No. 1978:22858 (Clezy). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

According to a feature of the invention as recited by Claim 1, the organic semiconductor layer comprises a compound having a monobenzoporphyrin skeleton obtained by heating a metal-free monobicycloporphyrin compound represented by the general formula (3) or a copper complex thereof.

Neither Aramaki nor Clezy, even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, is seen to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed feature.

Dependent Claim 2 is also submitted to be patentable because it sets forth additional aspects of the present invention and is dependent from the independent claim discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of this dependent claim is respectfully requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed due; however, should it be determined that additional fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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